

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**INDICTMENT FOR HOBBS ACT EXTORTION,  
FAILURE TO FILE TAX RETURNS, AND ILLEGAL STRUCTURING**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	*	CRIMINAL NO.
v.	*	SECTION:
JONATHAN BOLAR	*	VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1951
		26 U.S.C. § 7203
	*	31 U.S.C. § 5324
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The Grand Jury charges that:

**HOBBS ACT-EXTORTIONS**

**COUNT 1**

**A. AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:**

1. Beginning on or about June 30, 2001, and continuing to the date of this indictment, the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR (“BOLAR”)**, was a duly-elected public official for the State of Louisiana and sitting Councilman for the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana. During the entirety of this time period, **BOLAR** represented Council District 1 in the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana.

2. The Gretna City Council was comprised of five (5) Council members and had the authority and power to approve or disapprove of zoning variances or changes in zoning.

3. As the City Councilman for District 1, **BOLAR's** support for any construction project requiring a zoning variance or change in zoning within District 1 was considered crucial for the Council's approval.

4. **BOLAR** was sole shareholder of J.C. Bolar & Son, Inc. (Bolar & Son), a company operated in and around 2003, 2004, and 2005. Bolar & Son was purportedly a trucking company sub-contracted by the United States Postal Service to deliver bulk mail to rural routes in Louisiana.

5. **BOLAR** was an equal partner with a family member in Bolar Contractors, L.L.C. ("Bolar Contractors"), a company operated from a time prior to 2003 through the present. **BOLAR** was the general partner of Bolar Contractors. Bolar Contractors was purportedly a contracting and construction company paid by governmental and private entities and individuals to build and renovate residential and commercial properties within and without **BOLAR's** Gretna City Council District.

6. **BOLAR** was the sole shareholder of Six Three Six Franklin Street, L.L.C. ("636 Franklin"), a company operated in and around 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. 636 Franklin Street was a restaurant and bar located within **BOLAR's** Gretna City Council District.

7. During the period from in and around 2003 through in and around 2006, **BOLAR**, through his companies and through personal endeavors, derived income legally and illegally from, but not exclusively from, the following sources: the City of Gretna; interest from various bank accounts; the Jefferson Housing Authority; Catholic Charities; the United States Postal Service; the

Residential Housing Development Corporation; the Louisiana Housing and Community Development Corporation; and individuals who were forced to pay extorted money to **BOLAR** identified as “F.W.”; “J.W.”; and, “T.F.” all of whom are further referenced in Counts 1, 2 and 4 respectively.

9. For the tax years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 **BOLAR** had gross income exceeding the statutory amount required to necessitate filing income tax returns.

10. Whitney Bank, Dryades Savings Bank, Omni Bank, and First Bank & Trust were all domestic financial institutions and all had their accounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) and all were subject to the Federal Regulations regarding currency transaction reporting requirements. Further, the defendant, **BOLAR**, in conducting financial transactions with the above named domestic financial institutions had prior knowledge and was subject to the same Federal Regulations regarding currency transaction reporting requirements.

**B. THE EXTORTION:**

On or about July 14, 2004, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, did knowingly obstruct, delay and affect, in any way and degree, commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, when the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, acting as a City Councilman for the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, obtained approximately \$95,675.00 from F.W. in return for a zoning variance by means of extortion under color of official right; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

## **COUNT 2**

A. The allegations contained in Part A of Count 1 are hereby incorporated and realleged by reference.

**B. THE EXTORTION:**

On or about April 29, 2005, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, did knowingly obstruct, delay and affect, in any way and degree, commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, when the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, acting as a City Councilman for the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, obtained approximately \$2,500.00 from J.W. in return for a zoning variance by means of extortion under color of official right; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

## **COUNT 3**

A. The allegations contained in Part A of Count 1 are hereby incorporated and realleged by reference.

**B. THE EXTORTION:**

In or around May 2005, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, did knowingly obstruct, delay and affect, in any way and degree, commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, when the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, acting as a City Councilman for the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, attempted to obtain property from Q.T. in return for a zoning variance by means of extortion under color of official right; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

#### **COUNT 4**

A. The allegations contained in Part A of Count 1 are hereby incorporated and realleged by reference.

**B. THE EXTORTION:**

On or about June 13, 2007, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, did knowingly obstruct, delay and affect in any way and degree commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, when the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, acting as a City Councilman for the City of Gretna, State of Louisiana, obtained approximately \$2,500.00 from T.F. and W.H. in return for a zoning variance by means of extortion under color of official right; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

#### **COUNT 5 (Tax Year 2003)**

A. The allegations contained in Part A of Count 1 are hereby incorporated and realleged by reference.

**B. FAILURE TO FILE TAX RETURN**

During the calendar year 2003, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, who was a resident of the Eastern District of Louisiana, had and received gross income which exceeded the statutory minimum and that by reason of such gross income he was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2003, and on or before August 15, 2004, pursuant to a timely filed extension, to make an income tax return to the Director, Internal

Revenue Service Center, at Austin, Texas, in the Western District of Texas, or to the Taxpayer Assistance Center of the Internal Revenue Service at 600 S. Maestri Place, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130, or other proper officer of the United States, stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled; that well-knowing and believing all of the foregoing, he did willfully fail to make an income tax return to said Director of the Internal Revenue Service Center, to said Taxpayer Assistance Center of the Internal Revenue Service, or to any other proper officer of the United States; in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203.

**COUNT 6 (Tax Year 2004)**

A. The allegations contained in Part A of Count 1 are hereby incorporated and realleged by reference.

**B. FAILURE TO FILE TAX RETURN**

During the calendar year 2004, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, **JONATHAN C. BOLAR**, who was a resident of the Eastern District of Louisiana, had and received gross income which exceeded the statutory minimum and that by reason of such gross income he was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2004, and on or before April 15, 2005, to make an income tax return to the Director, Internal Revenue Service Center, at Austin, Texas, in the Western District of Texas, or to the Taxpayer Assistance Center of the Internal Revenue Service, at 1555 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130, or other proper officer of the United States, stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled; that well-knowing and believing all of the foregoing, he did willfully fail to make an income

tax return to said Director of the Internal Revenue Service Center, to said Taxpayer Assistance Center of the Internal Revenue Service, or to any other proper officer of the United States; in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203.

**COUNT 7 (Tax Year 2005)**

A. The allegations contained in Part A of Count 1 are hereby incorporated and realleged by reference.

**B. FAILURE TO FILE TAX RETURN**

During the calendar year 2005, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, **JONATHAN C. BOLAR**, who was a resident of the Eastern District of Louisiana, had and received gross income which exceeded the statutory minimum and that by reason of such gross income he was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2005, and on or before April 16, 2007, pursuant to a timely filed extension and Hurricane Katrina Filing Extension Relief, to make an income tax return to the Director, Internal Revenue Service Center, at Austin, Texas, in the Western District of Texas, or to the Taxpayers Assistance Center of the Internal Revenue Service, at 1555 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130, or other proper officer of the United States, stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled; that well-knowing and believing all of the foregoing, he did willfully fail to make an income tax return to said Director of the Internal Revenue Service Center, to said Taxpayer Assistance Center of the Internal Revenue Service, or to any other proper officer of the United States; in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203.

**COUNT 8 (Tax Year 2006)**

A. The allegations contained in Part A of Count 1 are hereby incorporated and realleged by reference.

**B. FAILURE TO FILE TAX RETURN**

During the calendar year 2006, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, **JONATHAN C. BOLAR**, who was a resident of the Eastern District of Louisiana, had and received gross income which exceeded the statutory minimum and that by reason of such gross income he was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2006, and on or before April 16, 2007, pursuant to the standard filing date occurring on a weekend, to make an income tax return to the Director, Internal Revenue Service Center, at Austin, Texas, in the Western District of Texas, or to the Taxpayer Assistance Center of the Internal Revenue Service, at 1555 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130, or other proper officer of the United States, stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled; that well-knowing and believing all of the foregoing, he did willfully fail to make an income tax return to said Director of the Internal Revenue Service Center, to said Taxpayer Assistance Center of the Internal Revenue Service, or to any other proper officer of the United States; in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203.



**STRUCTURING FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS  
TO EVADE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS-COUNTS 9-16**

A. The allegations contained in Part A of Count 1 are hereby incorporated and realleged by reference.

1. At all times material to this indictment **BOLAR** either personally or through the following corporate entities controlled the following bank accounts at the following banks, each of which was a federally insured financial institution:

- a. Whitney Bank Account Number 1070 (Bolar Contractors, L.L.C.)
- b. Whitney Bank Account Number 8726 (636 Franklin, L.L.C.)
- c. Whitney Bank Account Number 3891 (J.C. Bolar & Son, Inc.)
- d. Dryades Savings Bank Account Number 6141 (Bolar Contractors, L.L.C.)
- e. Omni Bank Account Number 1298 (Jonathan C. Bolar or Karen Bolar)
- f. First Bank & Trust Account Number 0524 (Bolar Contractors)

2. On December 13, 2005, **BOLAR** deposited \$22,000 in cash into the above-described Whitney Bank account opened by **BOLAR** for use in association with 636 Franklin, L.L.C. As a result of this deposit, Whitney Bank filed a Currency Transaction Report.

**THE OFFENSES**

On or about the dates set forth below, in the Eastern District of Louisiana, the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, as named below in each Count 9 through 16, knowingly and for the purpose of evading the reporting requirements of section 5313(a) of Title 31, United States Code, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, did cause and attempt to cause a domestic financial institution

to fail to file a report required under section 5313(a) of Title 31, United States Code, and any regulation prescribed under any such section, by depositing United States currency in the amounts and to the accounts listed below:

<b>COUNT</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>9</b>	1/6/06	\$10,000 to Whitney Bank Account Number 1070
	1/7/06	\$10,000 to Whitney Bank Account Number 8726
<b>10</b>	5/16/06	\$5,000 to Whitney Bank Account Number 3891
	5/16/06	\$5,000 to Dryades Savings Bank Account Number 6141
	5/16/06	\$3,000 to Whitney Bank Account Number 8726
<b>11</b>	12/27/06	\$5,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
	12/28/06	\$6,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
<b>12</b>	3/1/07	\$10,000 to First Bank & Trust Account Number 0524
	3/1/07	\$5,000 to Whitney National Bank Account Number 1070
<b>13</b>	3/26/07	\$5,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
	3/27/07	\$5,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
	3/28/07	\$1,200 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
<b>14</b>	4/25/07	\$5,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
	4/26/07	\$5,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
	4/27/07	\$2,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
<b>15</b>	6/25/07	\$5,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
	6/26/07	\$5,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
	6/27/07	\$2,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
<b>16</b>	8/30/07	\$5,700 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298
	8/31/07	\$5,000 to Omni Bank Account Number 1298

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324(a)(1) and 5324(d) and Title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 103.

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**NOTICE OF EXTORTION FORFEITURE**

1. The allegations of Counts 1 through 4 of this indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951 and 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

2. As a result of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 through 4, defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951 and 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

### **NOTICE OF STRUCTURING FORFEITURE**

1. The allegations of Counts 9 through 16 of this indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324 and 5317(c)(1).

2. As a result of the offenses, alleged in Counts 9 through 16, the defendant, **JONATHAN BOLAR**, shall forfeit to the United States all property, real and personal, involved in the offenses, and any property traceable thereto.

3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) as incorporated by Title 31, United States Code, Section 5317(c)(1)(B), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All in violation of Title 31, United States Code, Sections 5324 and 5317(c)(1).

A TRUE BILL:

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